[Mr. M. R. Madhava Variar.]

Expenditure on the Main Southern Road.

76. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*) : (*a*) What sum of money was being spent annually on repairs to the Main Southern Road prior to the introduction of the present toll system and the bus traffic?

(*b*) How much money is being spent annually subsequently?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The member does not specify the period prior to 1087 for which he wants figures in regard to the annual expenditure. An approximate expenditure of Rs. 38,250 was being incurred annually prior to the introduction of the toll system and the bus traffic.

(*b*) The annual expenditure for 1087 to 1098 is shown below :—

Year.	*Rs.*	*Year.*	*Rs.*
1087	39,368	1093	49,762
1088	41,996	1094	48,037
1089	43,907	1095	60,248
1090	43,369	1096	65,619
1091	45,247	1097	63,424
1092	48,154	1098	58,136

Amount of Toll levied at Aramboly and Kuzhittura in 1099.

77. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*) : What sums of money have been realised during 1099 from the toll-gates on the Main Southern Road at Kuzhittura and Aramboly respectively?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The two toll-gates at Kuzhittura and Aramboly were bid for Rs. 29,450 and Rs. 17,650 respectively, for 1099.

Mr. P. N. Sitarama Aiyar, Registrar, High Court.

78. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Registrar of the High Court, Mr. P. N. Sitarama Aiyar, is junior to most of the Temporary Second Judges ; and

(*b*) whether his earlier confirmation on Rs. 400 will give him seniority over those Temporary Second Judges?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) As Temporary Second Judge, Mr. Sitarama Aiyar is junior to five Temporary Second Judges.

(*b*) The High Court has stated that his earlier confirmation on Rs. 400 will not confer on him seniority over the five Temporary Second Judges referred to above.

Mr. P. N. Sitarama Aiyar, Registrar, High Court.

79. MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR (*Chengannur* cum *Pattanamtitta*) : Will the Government be pleased to state:

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(*a*) whether the Registrar of the High Court, Mr. P. N. Sitarama Aiyar, is junior to most of the Temporary Second Judges; and

(*b*) whether his earlier confirmation on Rs. 400 will give him seniority over those Temporary Second Judges?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to the answer to question No. 78.

Transfer of Secretariat Officers to Executive Offices and vice versa.

80. MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of graduate clerks drawing Rs. 50 and above and the number of Superintendents who have been sent out of the General and Revenue Secretariat to the Magisterial, Excise, Police and other Departments during 1097, 1098 and up to the end of Dhanu, 1099; and

(*b*) the number of hands taken into the Secretariat from the several departments?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) Three men were sent out to the Revenue Department, three were sent out as Magistrates and four to the Devaswom Department.

(2) Eight men were taken from the Revenue Department; one from the Account Office; one from the Palace Office; and one from the Royal Stables Office.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to give their kind consideration to the application of one of the Superintendents, Mr. M. Govinda Pillai, for a place in the Excise Department as Assistant Excise Commissioner?

PRESIDENT: It does not arise here, Mr. Hoogewerf.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Have not Government stated that it is their policy to send out to the executive line from time to time, clerks, superintendents and others from the Secretariat?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Are they keeping to that promise?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes; as far as possible.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Does the statement show that they are doing it in a generous way?

PRESIDENT: It is a matter of inference and opinion.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to give greater effect to their declared policy in this matter?

PRESIDENT: There is nothing to show that they are not giving effect to it.

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